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- 25X1 1. On 23 February at about 11 a. m., a total of 4,000 troops with three military bands were seen marching out of the two barracks installations in Prenzlau (K 54/Q 14) toward the Soviet cemetery. 25X1 (1) Ten trucks loaded with baggage and billeting equipment drove to the Prenzlau freight station on 26 February. 25X1 that the convoy was an advance party which was loaded for shipment to Templin (N 54/U 51) and that another convoy of about the same composition was dispatched to Templin on 3 March. (2) Units of 3 or 4 T-34 tanks, 4 to 6 trucks towing AT guns and groups of six soldiers towing 3 or 4 mortars of three different types, the largest caliber being 160 mm, were repeatedly seen moving from the barracks installation to the training area southwest of the installation. Three groups of the following composition simultaneously left the barracks installations in Prenzlau on 27 February: 1 armored scout car; 4 trucks, each with about 16 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 2 armored personnel carriers with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 2 radio cars; 2 van-like trucks; 2 large Jeeps; and 1 armored scout car. The first column came from the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse; the second column from the installation on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse, using the gate on Roepersdorfer Weg; and the third column from the latter installation, using the gate on Sternhagener Weg. The units were seen returning to the barracks installations on the evening of 1 March. SP guns 25X1 moved along Neustedterdamm Strasse toward Prenzlau on 3 March. (1) 25X1
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- 25X1 [] 3. During the second half of February, officers of the tank units in Prenzlau were rotated for firing practice with live ammunition to the Templin troop training grounds. The practice was conducted individually by the various regiments. (4)
- 25X1 4. Numerous officers were seen walking to the Prenzlau railroad station at the end of February and the beginning of March. They were probably going on leave. [] that many more officers were scheduled to go on leave prior to the units' departure for a training camp. (5)

[] Comments.

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- (1) The report indicates no discernible changes in the occupation of the military installations in Prenzlau. [] The strength estimate in the present report that about 4,000 soldiers were stationed in the two installations seems to have been exaggerated as, according to the reference report, the units there number from 3,000 to 3,500 men with the T/E as basis. The observation of 160-mm mortars corresponds to observations made in other military posts of tank and mechanized divisions such as Neuruppin, Neustrelitz and Magdeburg. [] 25X1
The present report also constitutes a confirmation of the unidentified mortar regiment of the 25th Tank Div prior to the end of February 1952.
- 25X1 (2) [] reported that advance parties, predominantly from units in Prenzlau, had arrived at the Templin troop training grounds prior to 5 March 1952. [] 25X1
- (3) [] 25X1
- (4) This information partially accounts for the increased training activity by small detachments at Templin in late February 1952, especially if it is assumed that officers from the units in Oranienburg and Bernau also trained there.
- (5) According to these statements, it can be concluded that the 1952 summer training will start not before April 1952.

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